CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A non-toxic, edible, enteric film coating, dry powder composition for use in preparing an aqueous enteric coating suspension which may be used in coating of substrates comprising:
    a. A methacrylate copolymer
    b. A plasticizer
    c. A film coating detackifier
    d. An opacifier
    e. Optionally pigments (FD&C and D&C lakes) which are approved for use for human consumption

    Wherein the dry powder composition does not contain any alkalinizing agent.

2. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim1, the methacrylate copolymer being preferably of Type C.
3. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim1, comprising from about 20-90% of the methacrylate copolymer by weight of the composition, preferably from 40-75% by weight of the composition.
4. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim 1, comprising a plasticizer, preferably polyethylend glycol 6000.
5. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim1, comprising from about 5-30% of the plasticizer by weight of the composition, preferably from 5-25% by weight of the composition.
6. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim 1, comprising of a film detackifier, preferably talcum.
7. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim1, comprising from about 7.5-35% of the film detackifier by weight of the composition, preferably from 10-30% by weight of the composition.

8. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim 1, comprising of an opacifier, preferably titanium dioxide.
9. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim1, comprising from about 0.1-40% of an opacifier by weight of the composition, preferably from 2.5-30% by weight of the composition.
10. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim 1, optionally comprising of pigments, preferably FD&C and D&C lakes or mixtures thereof.
11. The enteric film coating dry composition of claim1, optionally comprising from about 0-50% of a pigment by weight of the composition.
12. A process of making a dry powder enteric film coating composition which may be reconstituted for obtaining an aqueous enteric suspension used for coating of substrates comprising of dry blending of the following ingredients:
    a. A methacrylate copolymer
    b. A plasticizer
    c. A film detackifier
    d. An opacifier
    e. Optionally pigments

    In a suitable mixer or food processor to achieve a uniform mix of the dry powder film coating composition.